

## POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The American general committee have nominated John D. Livingston, of Albany, for Congress, in place of John Shear, withdrawn.

The Boston Post has the following synopsis of Mr. Burlingame's speech, as a late political meeting in Boston: "Following Dr. Phelps came Burlingame. After a careful study of this gentleman's speech, we are enabled to make the following analysis: the power and force of the argument will be obvious to every one: *Acquiesce*—Pol-Highlands, it's all right! *Argument*—1st premises—*I am low-church, you are a great people; 2d premise—I am low-church, you are a great people; 3d premise—I am low-church, you are a great people.* You must elicit me. *Provision*—*Hill*—*Yes*."

The newspapers from Illinois assert that Mr. Le Roy has not declined to be a candidate for Congress in the third district of Illinois.

The St. Paul Pioneer of the 23d instant says that a definite return from every part of Minnesota, except a single district, show that the political complexion of the next legislature will be as follows: Senate—21 republicans and 19 republicans; house—39 democrats and 40 republicans.

## PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

James Gordon Bennett has rented the house of Col. Roberts on the heights of Georgetown, and will reside there during the winter.

On the morning of the 29th ultimo, her serene highness Princess Catherine Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, born Princess of Coblenz, took the veil at Rome, in the ancient nursery of St. Ambrose, belonging to the Franciscan Sisters, an order distinguished for poverty and strictness of discipline. The Pope's vicar, Cardinal Prati, presided at the ceremony, which was attended by many Germans of rank, among whom was the Princess's cousin, Monsignor Hohenzollern, the Pope's almoner.

Among the passengers to the United States on the last steamer from Galway, was Lord Bury, who, it is said, goes to Canada to arrange a federation of the provinces, and is also charged with the duty of arranging mail service on the Galway steamship line.

Among the arrivals at Brown's Hotel, yesterday, were Gov. Brown and Judge Douglas of Florida, Hon. James K. McKim of Missouri, and Miss Juliana May of this city.

Hon. A. Rusk of Arkansas, Hon. Henry Winter Davis of Maryland, and Gen. Fox of Venezuela, are at the National.

## THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Commodore Breese has been ordered to the command of the Brooklyn navy-yard, vice Commodore Kennedy. We understand that the latter will be ordered to duty as commander of the Light-House Board, in the place of Commodore Shubrick. It was at first contemplated by the Secretary of the Navy not to appoint a successor to Commodore Shubrick, but to re-appoint that officer on his return from the command of the Brazil squadron, but certain considerations have operated to change this plan.

## CLEANED FROM THE MAILS.

It is stated that thirty or more colored families, residing in Boston, Massachusetts, and its vicinity, have organized themselves, under the title of the "Cambridge Liberator Emancipation Association," for the purpose of emigrating to Liberia. Some of the party expect to sail in the colonization ship *Mary Caroline*, which will leave Baltimore, Maryland, about the 1st of November for Liberia.

The city of Richmond has determined to adopt the paid fire-department system, and an ordinance has been passed by the council to carry the object into effect.

The Minister of Agriculture, Commerce, and Public Works of France has addressed letters to the French consuls in England, with a request that they will lay them before the agricultural societies of that country to communicate with the French government their opinion as to the effects of free trade in corn upon the landed and agricultural interests. A schedule of questions, embracing every phase of the free trade question, has been sent with the letter. The inquiries submitted would imply that the Emperor is not altogether satisfied with the restrictive policy, and wishes to learn the opinion of free trade, so that he may incorporate it in the policy of France, or at least such modifications of it as he shall deem advisable.

Corn is selling at fifteen cents per bushel in Sidney, Iowa.

A sensation prevails in Cincinnati over the arrest of Mr. John T. Elliot, broker, and seven others, on the charge of conspiring to blow up a house and family with gunpowder. Various rumors were afloat concerning the affair, and it became the more exciting as the complainant is the father-in-law of Mr. Elliot, being no less a personage than Esquire Sedam.

Mr. Morphy is to have another opponent worthy of his powers. Herr Andersen, a well-known victor in the tournament of 1871, is on his way to Paris, to contend against the young champion. Until his arrival Mr. Morphy is having his daily jousts at the Cafe de la Regence against all comers. In a letter to Mr. Stanton, renewing his challenge, Mr. Morphy says: "I am not a professional player, that I never wished to make any skill I possess the means of subsistence, and that my only aim is to play for pleasure, and to win for my stake but a trifle. My friends in New Orleans, however, subscribed a certain sum, without any countenance from me, and that sum has been ready for you to meet a considerable time past."

Gov. Buckingham, of Connecticut, has set apart the 24th day of November next to be observed as a day of thanksgiving in that State. The Governor of Pennsylvania has designated the 18th inst. for thanksgiving in that State.

Nathaniel and Thomas Butler, brothers, and Peter Lyons, lost their lives on Tuesday by suffocation in the vaults of the resin oil distillery at Pine Island, Roxbury, Mass.

The Catholic church on Cabot street, Roxbury, Mass., with a dwelling-house and stable adjoining, have been destroyed by fire. The church was built of wood, and, with the organ, valued at \$12,000.

An Artesian well lately opened at Bourne, England, was 265 feet above the surface, and discharges 360 gallons per minute, or 21,600 in one hour. It feeds three mills, and is said to be the greatest well of the kind in the world, excepting the celebrated one in Paris. The one we noticed on the 20th of the month as made at Louisville sends an inch stream sixty feet high, gives 225 gallons a minute, or 324,000 gallons per day.

COLLISION IN A FOG.—We learn from the Alexandria Gazette that a steamer, Mount Vernon, on her trip on Wednesday down the river to Aquia Creek, when between Jones' Point and Fort Washington, in a very dense fog, ran into a long boat loaded with firewood, almost cutting her in two, and sinking her as deep as the cargo would permit. The mate and a few of the hands of the steamer were let down in a boat, took the crew of the long boat and towed the vessel ashore, where they left her, and went to Washington, to procure another boat to take the wood off. The mate of the steamer states that the fog at the time of the collision was so dense that the pilot could see no further than the bow of the boat from the pilot house. He heard a noise ahead, and reversed the engine, but the steamer could not be stopped in time to prevent the collision.

CIRCUIT COURT.—A petition was filed yesterday by Henry Rackway for the removal of Richard H. Trunnell from the office of county constable, for alleged malfeasance of office in collecting the amount of a judgment and refusing to pay over to the plaintiff. Rule was laid upon Trunnell by the court, to show cause why he should not be removed from his office, and the time for a hearing was fixed for Saturday next. F. W. Jones for petitioner, and Robert Ould for respondent.

The hearing of appeal cases occupied the remainder of the day.

AN EDITOR ROBBED.—The Richmond Dispatch states that W. D. Wallach, esq., editor of the Washington Star, was robbed of \$30 by his way to Richmond a few nights since, to attend the United States Agricultural Fair, now in progress at that place. If this statement be true, we sympathize with that neighbor; but it is almost incredible that an editor should have so much money.

CHINA AND AUSTRALIA.—A visit to these distant lands may be taken (in imagination) by calling at Old Fellows' Hall and witnessing the splendid work of art now on exhibition there. We hope our readers will not do themselves the injustice to fail to visit this Panorama.

## CITY INTELLIGENCE.

## THE ITALIAN OPERA.

Last night the performance of "Il Trovatore" was witnessed by a larger audience than was ever before collected within the walls of this theatre, comprising the beauty and fashion of Washington. We noticed numbers of musical professors and amateurs also, and we believe that all, without exception, awarded to the performance the credit of being unsurpassed by any that has ever been witnessed in this city. "Il Trovatore" is one of the best of Verdi's compositions, abounding in musical gems, and with Messadema Parodi and Strakosch as principal soprano and contralto, and Signors Brignoli and Amadio as the tenor and baritone, the conceptions of the author could not but be faithfully rendered. The chorus is large and effective, and the instrumentation of the orchestra was certainly very fine. In the first act Madame Parodi sang the aria "Tacea la notte placida" in exquisite taste, and was warmly applauded. The anvil chorus, at the opening of the second act, was much admired; the second scene of this act, being short and not essential to the connection of the story, was omitted. Next came that beautiful aria by Amadio, "Il balen del tuo sorriso," which was given in a truly artistic manner. We will not attempt to point out all the various passages which drew down the rapturous applause of the audience, for the whole performance was a succession of triumphs; and it were difficult to tell whether the acting or the singing deserved the greatest commendation. The passage at the close of the third act where Maurizio declares that he will rescue his mother or perish in the attempt was so much admired that Signor Brignoli was twice called before the curtain. The *Misere* in the fourth act, and the arising by Amadea while dreaming, forming an accompaniment to the duet between Leonora and Maurizio, were especially spoken of as deserving of the highest praise. From this sketch it will be seen that the musical entertainment furnished our citizens last evening was one of no ordinary character, and as the engagement of this troupe is limited to three nights, we advise all our readers who love music to improve the present opportunity.

To-night Madame Colon will appear in the great role of Violetta, in Verdi's popular Opera, "La Traviata," or the friend of Violetta; Signora Sapuca takes the character of Annina, the confidante of Violetta; Signor Brignoli (tenor) takes the character of Alfredo Germont, the lover of Violetta, and Signor Amadio (baritone) that of Giorgio Germont, father of Alfredo. The story is briefly this: Violetta Valery, a fashionable gipsy, upon becoming acquainted with Alfredo, falls in love with him, and her passion is reciprocated. She retires from the gay scenes in which she has heretofore mingled, and pledges herself to be true to her lover. Alfredo's father, however, seeks her in her country house, and implores her to resign her love for Alfredo, and renounce him entirely; and he urges her so powerfully that she at length consents. In order to carry out this determination, she attends the *fete* in Florio's place in company with the Baron Dupont, which arouses Alfredo's jealousy, and he casts her off, in a violent rage throwing her portrait at her feet, when she faints in the arms of her friends. The third act opens with Violetta, sleeping on the bed; she is suffering from sickness, caused by the sacrifice she has made. At length, Alfredo discovers that she still loves him, and asks pardon for his rudeness, and his father gives his consent to their union; but it is then too late. Violetta is beyond the physician's skill, and in the joy of a reconciliation with her lover, falls back and expires, when the curtain falls. This Opera is founded upon the celebrated tragedy of "Camille," in which Rachel achieved such historic triumphs.

THE BOTANIC GARDENS, at the foot of the Capitol grounds, are now in fine condition. Mr. Smith, the superintendent there, who is a most skillful and intelligent gentleman, with a perfect knowledge of his profession, never relaxes his labors to effect valuable improvements and obtain new specimens of plants for the adornment of the grounds. His hot-houses always present to the eye the most admirable arrangement and perfect order; and now that the plants have been placed in winter quarters and properly labelled, a visit to them is doubly interesting to the admirer of Nature in her loveliest form. Very recently, Mr. Smith has added largely to the extensive variety of specimens here, of rare and beautiful plants, which he has procured in some of the most extensive conservatories in the northern cities, and he is constantly making arrangements to obtain, at the earliest notice, any new and interesting rarity which may be announced. Among his late accessions, we notice an unusually fine specimen of the ancient paper plant, or Egyptian papyrus. He has now in flower an exceedingly handsome specimen of the pampas grass of South America, which attracts great attention and admiration from all visitors. Those who have a leisure hour cannot do better than to devote it to a stroll through the gardens.

AN ADVERTISING SHEET.—We have recently seen a handsome-printed card—gotten up by Messrs. Goggin and Walte, practical printers, and printed on McGill's steam press—containing about a hundred advertisements, most of which are ornamented with wood cuts appropriate to the various branches of business designated. This card is printed in colors, and reflects much credit on the taste and skill of its projectors and publishers. It is styled "Merchant's Business Directory," and copies are to be framed and placed in the principal hotels, on board steamboats, and in other places where they will attract attention, and thus impart information as to the locale and business of our enterprising citizens. Several who have seen this card have expressed their disappointment at not being included in its columns, and we are informed that Messrs. G. and W. propose to issue another sheet for the benefit of their customers. Those who may wish to adopt this method of advertising their wares may leave word at McGill's printing office, and they will be waited on. The "Union" still continues to insert advertisements on reasonable terms.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

## OFFICIAL.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Washington, October 29, 1858.

The department having reasons to suppose that some irresponsible persons in England, and others there writing under fictitious names, for the purpose of obtaining the aid of the United States for the recovery of estates, to which they are not entitled, and entitled persons to whom such representations may be addressed are cautioned to be vigilant as to the identity and character of their correspondents.

## MARRIED.

In this city, on the 29th ultimo, by Rev. Dr. XALIA, Mr. HENRY OAKLEY, of Baltimore, to Miss SARAH ELLEN BARR, of Bangor, Me.

## DIED.

In this city, on Wednesday last, at a quarter to one o'clock, p. m., Mrs. ELIZABETH HIGGINS, the devoted wife of one of our most estimable citizens—a pious, Christian and a kind mother. May her soul rest in peace!

The funeral will take place this morning, at ten o'clock, a. m., from the residence of the family, on Chestnut, near 4th street, where the relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. High mass will be offered in St. Patrick Church.

JOHN J. KANE, Secretary.

H. C. McLAGHLEN, Chairman of Com. on Lectures.

Butter, Buckwheat, &c.—

35 lbs fine grade white flour

2000 pounds Fresh New York buckwheat

50 lbs fine grade white flour

10 barrels No. 1 mackerel

100 lbs No. 2 mackerel

120 lbs No. 3 mackerel

1400 lbs wrapping paper

1000 lbs No. 1 mackerel

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## MARRIAGE AT BROWN'S.—Yesterday, another of those agreeable unions, so common at Brown's Hotel, was accomplished. Mr. S. H. Brown and Miss Bettie C. Paterson, both of Lynchburg, Virginia, were united in the solemn bonds of matrimony by the Rev. I. Morgan. The affair, as all such affairs always do, passed off delightfully, our agreeable and gallant friend Stewart doing the honors of the occasion.

## ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

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## Kirkwood House.

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## National Hotel.

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